THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N. V. N. SOMU): (a) to (c) Camps training forms an integral part of the training syllabus of National Cadet Corps (NCC). As such every NCC cadet is expected to attend at least one training camps as a part of his training programme. Approximately half of the total enrolled strength of the cadets is provided opportunity every year to attend training camps including annual training camps. Medical fitness and the consent of the parent are essential prerequisite for a cadet's selection for attending training camps.

The NCC cadets attending the camps are provided boarding, lodging and medical facilities. Arrangements for their safety and security are also made.

Expenditure on annual training camps organised by NCC is shared equally between the Central Government and the state Governments. The following table contains details of the expenditure incurred, the number of NCC cadets who attended the annual training camps and the number of casualties during 1995-96 and 1996-97:—

Year	No. of cadets who attended (in lakhs)	Expenditure (Rs. in lakhs)		Total	No. of casualties
		Central Government	State Governments		
1995-96	3.89	751.84	751.84	1503.68	10
1996-97	3.98	516.40	516.40	1032.80	4

Resentment amongst the Armed forces over the recommendations of Fifth Pay Commission

2354. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:

SHRI O. P. KOHLI:

SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the chiefs of the three services have written to him about the Fifth Pay Commission not giving a fair deal to the Armed forces;

(b) whether Government are aware that in most of the countries there is a separate body to decide emoluments of the Armed Forces; and

(c) whether it is proposed to reconsider the proposed pay structure of the Armed Forces in view of their strong reaction to it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N. V. N. SOMU): (a) to (c) The Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee on behalf of the three Services has written to the Defence Minister expressing their reactions to the Fifth Pay Commission recommendations. The Government after taking all into account have decided to make certain improvements over Fifth Pay Commission's recommendations. The Government are also aware that the practice to decide emoluments of the Armed Forces in various countries differs.